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12 August 2005

Thomas D. Hall Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida Office of the Clerk 500 S. Duval Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

Re:

Inquiry Concerning A Judge re: Robert F. Diaz

No. SC04-1845

Dear Mr. Hall:

I represent Judge Robert F. Diaz. Pursuant to the Court's decision in the above-referenced case, and the stipulation entered into by Judge Diaz and the Judicial Qualification Commission, enclosed you will please find two copies of letters of apology signed by my client and sent to Judge Seidman and the Hispanic Bar Association of Broward County. It is my understanding that they will be posted by your office on your website in order to comply with that component of the Stipulation. They have been previously agreed to as to form. I am further enclosing a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 which represents the fine. We were told to send it to you for further disposition.

Judge Diaz has conferred with our Chief Judge, the Honorable Dale Ross, regarding the 14-day suspension period. They have worked out a time that causes the least disruption to the bench, bar, and community here in Broward County. I have lastly enclosed a copy of the memorandum to that effect that has been transmitted to Judge Ross.

If anything further is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. STARK

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Enclosures

cc: Thomas C. McDonald, Jr., General Counsel Honorable Dale Ross

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Enclosure

ROBERT F. DIAZ COUNTY COURT JUDGE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA



BROWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 201 S.E. 6TH STREET FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

August 15, 2005

Dear Judge Seidman and the Hispanic Bar Association,

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Respect, integrity and confidence in the Judicial System and, in particular its judges, is always important. Please accept my sincerest apologies for any actions of mine which, in any way, may have affected the perception you have.

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201 S.E. 6TH STREET
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

August 15th, 2005

To:

Chief Judge Dale Ross

From:

Judge Robert F. Diaz

Re:

14 day suspension from the Supreme Court

With your permission, and in order to avoid any impact on my fellow judges or the public, I will be commencing the suspension on Friday, August 26, 2005 through Thursday, September 8th, 2005.

This is a total of 14 consecutive days. There were no scheduled calendar calls or arraignments on these dates, and only one special set trial had to be reset with the consent of all parties involved.

If you have any questions, please call me at 954-831-7783.

Respectfully

Judge Robert F. Diaz

Copy: Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida

Thomas C. McDonald Jr., Judicial Qualifications Commission

Carol Ortman, Court Administrator, 17th Judicial Circuit